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SUBJ: AMENDMENTS TO FMS CASES FOR KUWAIT

REF: A. MICOM 031655ZDEC75 (NOTAL)

B. KUWAIT 4916/231252ZNOV (NOTAL)

1. REF A DISCUSSES PORPOSED MODIFICATION OF CASE UAH FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF SPARE PARTS AND IMPLIES THAT EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF INTERIM AMENDMENTS.

2. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND BELIEVES THEY WILL RESULT IN IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF SPARE PARTS TO BENEFIT OF GOK. DURING JUN VISIT OF MICOM TEAM, EMBASSY SUPPORTED MICOM TEAM'S PRESENTATION AND EXPLANATION OF THIS MATTER TO KUWAIT AIR DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL WHO APPROVED MATTER IN PRINCIPLE AT THAT TIME.

3. BY REF B, CONCERNED AUTHORITIES WERE APPRAISED OF EMBASSY VIEWS ON PROBABLE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH A CHANGE BY THE GOK AND SUGGESTED A MANNER IN WHICH ACCEPTANCE IN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. THIS ASSESSMENT OF ACCEPTABILITY TO GOK SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH EMBASSY WILLINGNESS TO RECOMMEND CHANGES FOR MANAGEMENT

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IMPROVEMENT.

4. AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE LACK OF GOK UNDERSTANDING OF USG INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, EMBASSY CITES FMS CASE ZAB. THIS IS THE CLOSING ACCOUNT PROCEDURE WHICH IS USED TO ACCUMULATE ADJUSTMENTS MADE AS A RESULT OF ROIDS IN PREFERENCE TO READJUSTING THE ACCOUNTS OF FMS CASES FOR DISCREPANCIES IN SUPPLY OPERATIONS. THIS CASE WAS FURNISHED TO THE GOK ON 15 MARCH. WHILE WE HAVE NOT ACCORDED CIRSIS TREATMENT TO THE MATTER, WEHAVE BRIEFED THE PROCEDURES AT ALL LEVELS, WRITTEN FORMAL LETTERS TWICE AND TAKEN MATTER PERSONALLY (BY DOD REP) TO THE UNDERSECRETARY. GENERALLY, WE HAVE PUSHED THE MATTER AT EVERY REASONBLE OPPORTUNITY AT ALL LEVELS. WITHIN THE LAST MONTH, WE HAVE FINALLY ACHIEVED GOK ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SIMPLE MATTER--AND EVEN THIS BY LETTER, NOT A SIGNATURE ON THE DD 1513 (WE HOPE DA WILL ACCEPT THIS). ACHIEVING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS TRIVIAL (TO US) MATTER WHICH IN NO WAY AFFECTS WHAT IS TO BE DELIVERED, SCHEDULES OR COSTS HAVE TAKEN MORE TIME AND EFFOTT ON OYR PART THAN ANY SINGLE MAJOR EQUIPMENT CASE WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED DURING THE LAST YEAR. WE NOTE ALSO THAT THE BENEFIT OF THIS MANAGEMEN EFFICIENCY IS PRIMARILY TO DA (USILC).

5. EMBASSY HAS SUPPORTED MICOM BASIC RECOMMENDATION IN THE MATTER AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENDORSE THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, ALCON SHOULD RECONGIZE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS (WHICH ARE MUCH GREATER THAN GENERALLY ASSUMED BY CASUAL VISITORS--KUWAITI CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH IS GOOD BUT THEIR WRITTEN ABILITY IS MUCH LESS AND OUR DOCUMENTS, PARTICULARLY DD 1513'S , ARE ALMOST UNINTELLIGIBLE TO THEM). WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH AN INFORMED, EFFICIENT STAFF THAT IS FAMILIAR WITH USG ADMINSTRAIVE PROCEDURES.

6. EMBASSY ADVISES ALCON THAT CHANGES TO DD 1513'S SHOULD BE HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM AND THAT EXTENDED DELAYS (60 DAYS AT LEAST) IN OBTAINING GOK ACCEPTANCE OF ENEN THE MOST SIMPLE CHANGE MUST BE EXPECTED. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, FIVE MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED WITHOUT A CHANGE BEING OFFERED. WHILE WE WILL PROVIDE SUCH EXPEDITING AS POSSIBLE, THE FY76 FMS UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM IN KUWAIT WAS THE FOURTH LARGEST IN THE WORLD (AFTER IRAN, ISRAEL, AND SAUDI ARABIA). THE TWO OFFICERS ASSIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE SIMPLY CANNOT PROVIDE THE EXPEDITING SERVICES THAT ARE DESIRED BY CONUS AGENCIES. STOLTZFUS

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